

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

## SENATE RESOLUTION 395—EX-PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. INHOFF) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 395

Whereas on December 7, 1941, the Imperial Japanese Navy Air Force attacked the sovereign territory of the United States at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii;

Whereas more than 2,400 United States service members and civilians were killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor;

Whereas there are more than 4,900 members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association;

Whereas the 66th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor will be December 7, 2007;

Whereas on August 23, 1994, Public Law 103-308 was enacted, designating December 7 of each year as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day; and

Whereas section 129(b) of title 36, United States Code, requests that the President issue each year a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and all departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Federal Government, and interested organizations, groups, and individuals, to fly the flag of the United States at half-staff each December 7 in honor of the individuals who died as a result of their service at Pearl Harbor: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate, on the occasion of the 66th anniversary of the December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, pays tribute to—

(1) the United States service members and civilians who died in the attack; and

(2) the members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

## SENATE RESOLUTION 396—EX-PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE HANGING OF NOOSES FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTIMIDATION SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED BY FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES AND THAT ANY CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE VIGOROUSLY PROSECUTED

Mr. CARDIN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 396

Whereas, in the fall of 2007, nooses have been found hanging in or near a high school in North Carolina, a Home Depot store in New Jersey, a school playground in Louisiana, the campus of the University of Maryland, a factory in Houston, Texas, and on the door of a professor's office at Columbia University;

Whereas the Southern Poverty Law Center has recorded between 40 and 50 suspected hate crimes involving nooses since September 2007;

Whereas, since 2001, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has filed more than 30 lawsuits that involve the displaying of nooses in places of employment;

Whereas nooses are reviled by many Americans as symbols of racism and of lynchings that were once all too common;

Whereas, according to Tuskegee Institute, more than 4,700 people were lynched between 1882 and 1959 in a campaign of terror led by the Ku Klux Klan;

Whereas the number of victims killed by lynching in the history of the United States exceeds the number of people killed in the horrible attack on Pearl Harbor (2,333 dead) and Hurricane Katrina (1,836 dead) combined; and

Whereas African-Americans, as well as Italian, Jewish, and Mexican-Americans, have comprised the vast majority of lynching victims, and only when we erase the terrible symbols of the past can we finally begin to move forward on issues of race in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the hanging of nooses is a reprehensible act when used for the purpose of intimidation and, under certain circumstances, can be criminal;

(2) the hanging of nooses for the purpose of intimidation should be investigated thoroughly by Federal, State, and local law enforcement; and

(3) any criminal violations involving the hanging of nooses should be vigorously prosecuted.

## SENATE RESOLUTION 397—RECOGNIZING THE 2007-2008 SIEMENS COMPETITION IN MATH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND CELEBRATING THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE COMPETITION THAT YOUNG WOMEN HAVE WON TOP HONORS

Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. STEVENS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 397

Whereas the Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology was first held in 1998 and is one of the top science competitions in the country for high school students;

Whereas Isha Himani Jain, 16, is a senior at Freedom High School in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and placed first in the individual category for her studies of bone growth in zebra fish;

Whereas Janelle Schlossberger and Amanda Marinoff, both 17, are seniors at Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School on Long Island and won the team category for creating a molecule that helps block the reproduction of drug-resistant tuberculosis bacteria;

Whereas Alicia Darnell is 17 and a senior at Pelham Memorial High School in Pelham, New York, and won second place in the individual category for research that identified genetic defects related to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease);

Whereas Caroline Lang, 16, Rebecca Ehrhardt, 15, and Naomi Collipp, 16, of Pennsylvania and New Jersey took fifth place in the team category for their project on the safe elimination of E. coli bacteria;

Whereas the awards were announced on December 3, 2007, at New York University and mark the first time that young women have won the grand prizes in both the individual and team categories of the Siemens Competition: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) honors the Siemens Foundation, sponsor of the Siemens Competition in Math,

Science and Technology, for its contributions to science education and academic excellence;

(2) congratulates all the competitors and finalists in the Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology;

(3) celebrates the many contributions of women in the fields of math, science, and technology on the occasion of the first time that young women have won both the individual and team grand prizes in the Siemens Competition; and

(4) recognizes the dedication of parents, educators, and organizations such as the Siemens Foundation in helping young men and women achieve academic excellence.

## AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3819. Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. SUNUNU, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. SCHUMER) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3500 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to the bill H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

SA 3820. Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. CRAPO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3500 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to the bill H.R. 2419, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

## TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3819. Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. SUNUNU, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. SCHUMER) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3500 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to the bill H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 272, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

## SEC. 19. ENTERPRISE AND WHOLE FARM UNITS.

Section 508(e) of Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(6) ENTERPRISE AND WHOLE FARM UNITS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation may carry out a pilot program under which the Corporation pays a portion of the premiums for plans or policies of insurance for which the insurable unit is defined on a whole farm or enterprise unit basis that is higher than would otherwise be paid in accordance with paragraph (2) for policyholders that convert from a plan or policy of insurance for which the insurable unit is defined on optional or basic unit basis.

“(B) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to participate in a pilot program established under this paragraph, a policyholder shall—

“(i) have purchased additional coverage for the 2005 crop year on an optional or basic unit basis for at least 90 percent of the acreage to be covered by enterprise or whole farm unit policy for the current crop; and

“(ii) purchase the enterprise or whole farm unit policy at not less than the highest coverage level that was purchased for the acreage for the 2005 crop year.

“(C) AMOUNT.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The amount of premium per acre paid by the Corporation to a policyholder for a policy with an enterprise or whole farm unit under this paragraph shall